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*He puts his money where his heart is —*

## Retiree agonizes for destitute older ministers

By Kirby Warnock

DALLAS (BP) — In 1979, John Hatfield was a building maintenance employee at the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas. During that time he was in charge of installing the heat and air conditioning in an office the board was establishing for endowment. The responsibility of this new department would be to raise funds for needy Southern Baptist pastors and their widows who had retired

with little or no retirement funds.

In the course of constructing that new office, something happened that changed John Hatfield's life and everyone he has come into contact with since.

"As we were building this office, I ran across some information they had out there," Hatfield recounted. "It was about the plight of our retired ministers. I saw how these old people (retired pastors) were struggling and suffering. I

just couldn't see why as great an organization as the Southern Baptist Convention would let these old people do without. My heart has been crying ever since."

### Contribution starts

Hatfield decided to take action. He and his wife talked things over and began contributing \$50 a month to what became the Adopt an Annuitant Program. Administered by the endowment department of the Annuity Board, Adopt an Annuitant sends \$50 a month to needy retirees who for one reason or another left the ministry without an adequate retirement account.

"Most of them (retirees) came from rural churches that barely got by," Hatfield added. "I came from a rural church, and I know that it's hard for the church to set aside any money for their pastor's retirement."

Over the years Hatfield did his part, but he said he felt there was more that could be done. In 1990, he approached his pastor, A.L. Draper at First Church in Wylie, Texas, and asked that the deacons watch a new videotape produced by the Annuity Board titled "Helping Our Family." Other pressing church business kept the tape on the pastor's desk for a while, but Hatfield persisted. Finally the deacons viewed the tape. Their reaction was immediate. They recommended, and the members agreed, for the church to begin contributing to Adopt an Annuitant.

"John really focused our attention on the plight of these retirees," Draper said. "His effort came from a deep sense of compassion and his appeal is much greater than if it came from me."

Still, Hatfield wasn't satisfied. "More people would help if they only knew about this," he said. "But they aren't going to know if the churches won't talk it up."

### Campaign picks up speed

So he began to write letters. One to every state Baptist newspaper. He started calling Presnall Wood at the Baptist Standard of Texas, pleading with him to notify his readers of the plight of the retired preachers. And he started to donate more than just his money. He began to donate his time and labor.

In 1989, when Hatfield retired from the Annuity Board, he continued to contribute \$50 a month to Adopt an Annuitant out of his retirement check. With his increased free time, he began to go to the homes of elderly Baptist retirees throughout north Texas, performing free electrical and carpentry work. He continues to this day, traveling to their homes in his restored 1963 Chevrolet pickup. Still, he is not satisfied.

"One person can't do it," he said. "We need all of God's people to help. We (Baptists) raise nearly \$200 million a year to send overseas for missions, but we've got old souls in this country struggling to make ends meet. I can't see where \$50 a month will do someone that much good. You can hardly buy medicine for \$50 a month. Why can't all of the Southern Baptists get together and raise a large endowment?"

These are precisely the questions Joe McIntosh hears daily. As vice president of endowment for the Annuity Board, McIntosh works to raise and distribute money to needy retired pastors.

### Problem critical

How big is the problem? According to McIntosh, it is sizable.

"As of Feb. 28, 1994, we had 10,069 retirees who received \$200 or less a month. Of that number, 4,583 received less than \$100."

McIntosh has heard from John Hatfield and others who want to know why a person who has worked long and hard in service to the church should be left without any kind of retirement fund. Why can't the Annuity Board do more? Why can't some of the billions in assets be used to help the elderly?

"The Annuity Board is simply the holder of individual accounts," McIntosh explained. "By law, we can't pull money from one individual's account to assist someone else, no matter how great the need."

The endowment department of the board did not even exist until 1979. Since that time it has worked to educate Southern Baptists of the plight of their retired pastors and to raise money for them. It's part of the program assignment adopted for the Annuity Board by the Southern Baptist Convention. Most Baptists are surprised to discover their pastor

could labor for years at his church and retire with nothing. Many churches struggle to meet the pastor's monthly salary, with no money left over to contribute to a retirement fund. If the pastor does not set aside some of his own money each month, he could find himself penniless. Compounding the problem is that some pastors choose to opt out of Social Security.

The Annuity Board was begun more than 75 years ago to alleviate this need, but if a church or an individual does not set up an account and contribute to it, there is no money available. The Cooperative Program provides about \$1 million a year for relief, but that does not meet the existing needs. Unless fellow Baptists open their hearts and wallets to send in donations to Adopt an Annuitant, or to the Retired Ministers Support Fund, there will continue to be suffering. The Retired Ministers Support Fund works like an endowment. Adopt an Annuitant is a direct ministry with no administrative cost deduction. Every dollar goes promptly to an annuitant.

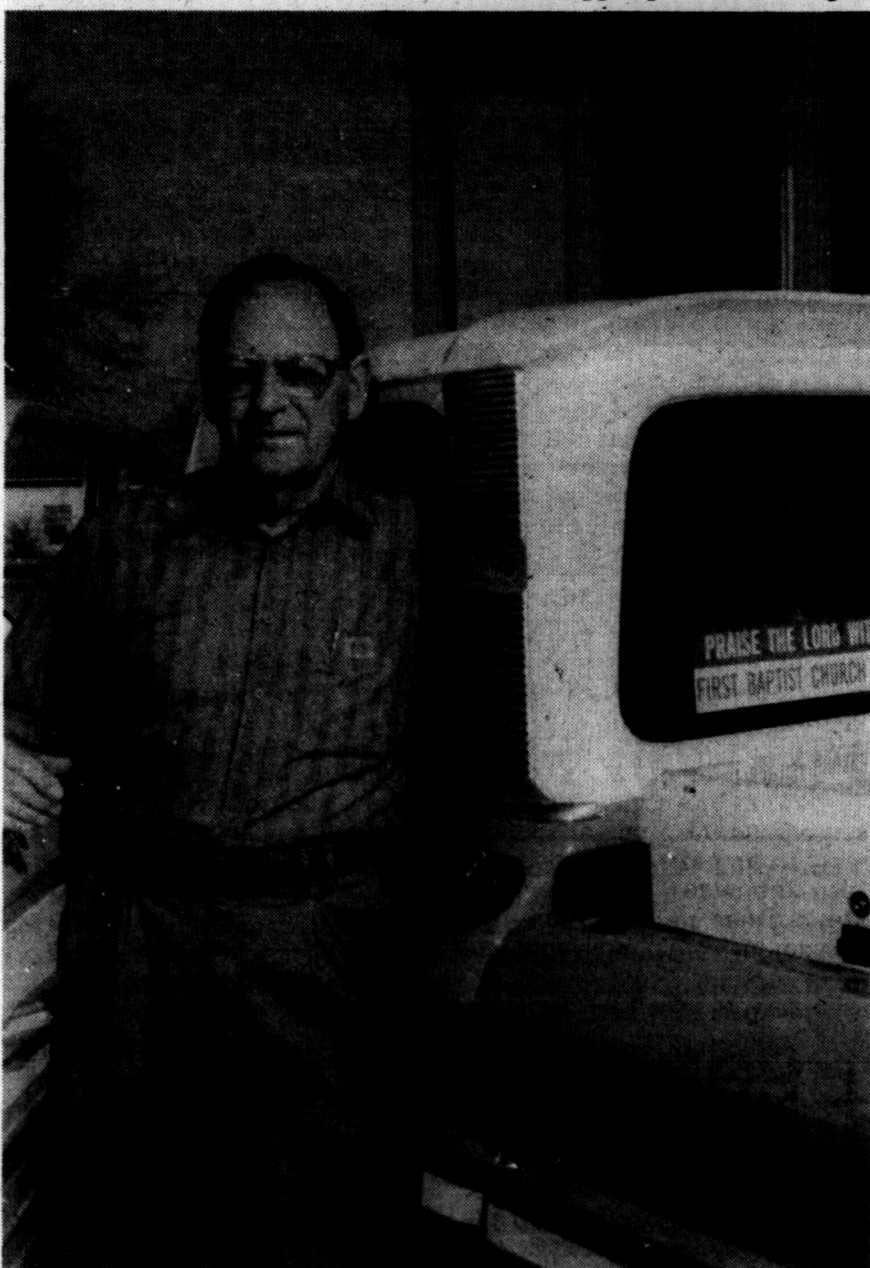
The Annuity Board distributes most Cooperative Program relief funds to people who receive no other Annuity Board benefit. But every month, through Adopt an Annuitant, the board sends an extra \$50 to more than 1,350 people whose regular checks are inadequate.

### Start an action plan

What can you do? First, make sure that your church is contributing to your pastor's retirement account through the Annuity Board. Second, you may send your and your church's contributions to the Adopt An Annuitant Program, c/o The Annuity Board, P.O. Box 2190, Dallas, TX 75221-2190. Finally, call 1-800-262-0511 and request a free copy of the videotape, "Helping Our Family." It shows emotional, moving portraits of real people struggling in their retirement after years of service to Baptist churches.

As for John Hatfield, he reiterated his concern for destitute retired ministers, his voice trembling. "It's just not right. God's people need to wake up. They're asleep."

Warnock is communication writer for the Annuity Board.



### Follow me to church

John Hatfield of Dallas doesn't mind stepping into leadership roles, as evidenced by the bumper sticker prominently displayed on the rear glass of his vintage 1963 pickup truck. That's why he took action 15 years ago when he realized that many older Southern Baptist pastors were struggling with inadequate retirement funding. In addition to making a personal financial sacrifice each month, the Annuity Board retiree travels far and wide to donate his labor to elderly Baptist retirees who need work done in his specialties — electrical repairs and carpentry. According to Annuity Board statistics, over 4,500 retired Baptist workers receive less than \$100 per month.

## EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

Guy Henderson

# Mississippi and the people called Baptist

Mississippi became a state in 1817. Long before, Hernando DeSoto crossed the state from Columbus to Tunica and named the Mississippi River "El Rio Grande de la Florida." The Indians in the area called it the "Chucagua." Later the French would come and build a fort on the river, calling it "La Ville de Rosalie aux Natchez." At that time, Biloxi was the capitol of the Province of Louisiana. The Mississippi territory in 1798 included all of Mississippi and Alabama with the exception of the Gulf Coast area. Fort Rosalie at Natchez was the state capitol and Salem Baptist Church was one of the few evangelical churches in the territory.

Today, Baptists comprise about 40% of the state's population. Southern Baptists number over 650,000, being the largest religious group in the state. Add other Baptists and more than a million Mississippians are Baptist. Lest we exhibit the gift of bragging, Baptists are also the leading religious body at the State Penitentiary at Parchman.

Mississippi was sewn down

with churches. We have moved from an 8,000-person population with only one church to 2.6 million inhabitants and 1,985 churches. As late as 1874 there was not a Baptist minister along the entire Gulf Coast. The first church in Pascagoula was burned three times before it was secured. Alongside the churches grew Baptist colleges, children's villages, hospitals, social ministries, and of course, a state paper.

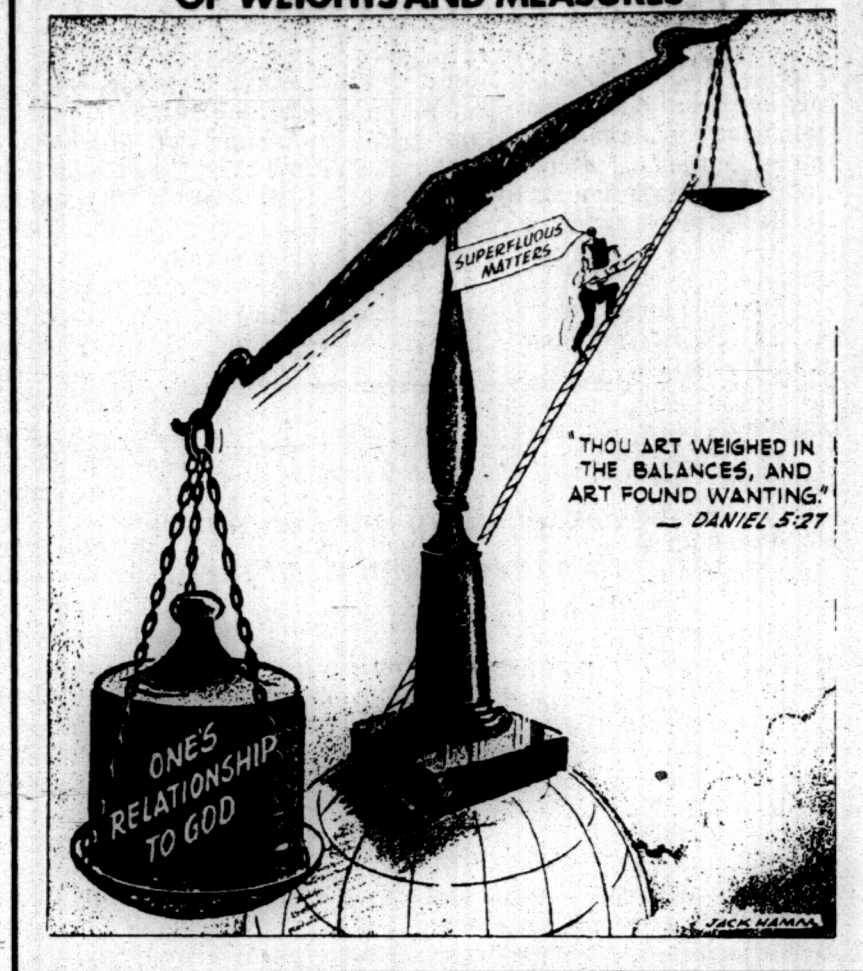
We endured our share of ups and downs, but eventually the mind of Christ was reached and we moved forward. Perhaps today we face the greatest challenge in a century. We now have two "fellowship" groups in Mississippi, both claiming to be Southern Baptist, but the goals and methods are not the same. First, there is the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), made up of people who are not satisfied with the direction of the SBC. This group, called moderates, have not pulled away from the SBC but offers an alternate program of supporting missions. For the most part, it continues to support regular Southern Baptist

ministries plus CBF ministries. Gene Triggs, Jackson layman, is currently president of the CBF.

The second group is the Mississippi Conservative Baptist Fellowship based in Richton with John Allen, pastor, as its spokesman. This group is made up of fundamental/conservatives wholly supporting the activities of SBC leadership. Recently, it sponsored a Bible conference in Brandon with Paige Patterson of Southeastern Seminary and Al Mohler of Southern Seminary as speakers. This group is also identified with the group which has met privately in Memphis, Louisville, and last February, in Nashville, to supposedly discuss the takeover of the SBC and state conventions.

This poses a problem for mainstream Mississippi Baptists. For decades we have been conservative and cooperative. Now it appears we have two groups to encourage us to be what we thought we have been all along. Both groups are small and both groups are growing. Perhaps the saddest part is that the argument is over things outside the borders of the Mississippi territory.

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## Forget not the old paths

The older we get the more we appreciate museums. We have some good ones. The old Courthouse Museum in Vicksburg, the Agricultural Museum in Jackson, Cottonlandia in Greenwood, and others are well worth a day. Last week I discovered the Tupelo Museum. There is an old country church, hand-hewn pews and all. Also, they brought the old schoolhouse, a log cabin, not to mention the utensils.

Then there is the Elvis Presley room filled with music and memorabilia; the Natchez Trace room with Indian lore, including the teepee, the warriors, and their living conditions. Volunteers have filled the huge area with ancient medical facilities, a dental chair,

and a barber shop guaranteed to usher forth many memories.

Bill Rittenhouse, pastor for a season to many of the space heroes, has helped to establish a Space Museum attached to the property. World War II newspapers, pictures, medals, and unit patches abound. Rittenhouse was pastor of First Church, Tupelo, a few years back.

Outside you can lean on the south side of the barn where there are hundreds of farm implements your children have never seen. Ancient tractors, plows, and (would you believe) an old airplane adorn the scene. Senior adults plus the jet set would do well to spend some time there.

— GH

## Guest Opinion...

## Colson cautions the Church

By Shawn Switzer

"Biblical ignorance today is preposterous," Chuck Colson told a nationwide television audience and a crowded studio. The former Watergate conspirator, a highly regarded Christian author and speaker, made the statement during a televised town hall meeting March 25 broadcast live on ACTS and FamilyNet, the Radio and Television Commission's cable and broadcast TV services.

Colson said a recent George Barna Poll revealed that less than half the Christians surveyed knew the meaning of John 3:16, only 9% knew about the Great Commission, and only 40% knew who taught the Sermon on the Mount.

"Too many people attend church on Sunday morning and listen to a sermon to coax them through another week, and claim that is Christianity," said Colson. "It's not. As a result, Christians have not impacted our culture."

Colson said that over the past 30 years Americans have gone through a cultural revolution that has squelched the fundamental Christian values expressed by their

forefathers.

"Americans no longer share the basic assumption that Christianity is truth," he said.

He said the rise in crime and divorce rates are moral reflections of society's declining value system. A real indicator of what has happened to the moral heart of America, he said, can be seen in soaring crime rates and the nature of crimes acted out without conscience.

Colson attributes the decline in the American way of thinking to the 1960s when people began to make their own rules.

"The produce of the 60s today is a belief that truth is anything you want it to be," he said. "Sixty-five percent of the American people say there is no such thing as absolute truth. Seventy percent say there are no moral absolutes."

Colson said the primary purpose of the church is to fulfill the Great Commission. "The Christian life cannot be confined within the church," he said. "The only way the Great Commission can be fulfilled is if we make disciples, baptize them in Christ's name, and

teach them all Christ has taught to us. Then we can send new disciples into the world to infiltrate America's neighborhoods."

Colson said lay leaders put unnecessary pressure on the pastor to increase church growth.

"If a church is out for recruitment, it sometimes will short-change repentance," he said. "The job of the church isn't to grow in numbers, but to grow in holiness and in depth of commitment to Christ. When we push our pastors to preach sermons that produce church growth we are doing them a great disservice. He is to equip you for combat against forces of evil. Christians should take their training every bit as seriously as a marine preparing for combat."

"What we are witnessing in America is a breakdown of conscience," said Colson. "America has a generation of kids who have never been taught right from wrong. Since the 1960s, there has been a 560% increase in violent crime in America. Our children must be taught values at home."

He said this pattern starts in the

family and filters through the church, and that a recent poll showed that almost half of parents surveyed say they are spending less time with their children than their parents spent with them.

"Children aren't being taught godly values in school," he said. "Students aren't allowed to pray in school any longer. They are being taught how to use condoms when they are eight years old."

Colson said what is being bred is a post-Christian culture; a generation without conscience.

"This is scary to me," he said. "If we lose a whole generation, we

have lost everything. I can translate values to my children, but if I miss my children I must reach my grandchildren. If I don't impact my grandchildren with the gospel it's too late."

Colson said 44% of the American population attends church and 35% claim to be born again Christians.

FamilyNet is carried by 135 television stations reaching more than 40 million homes. ACTS reaches into 20 million homes on the Faith and Values Channel.

Switzer writes for Radio & Television Commission.

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# HMB directors address universalism, Freemasonry

ATLANTA (BP) — Home Mission Board directors adopted a statement condemning universalism at their annual spring meeting while rejecting a request to study whether Masons should be prohibited from serving as home missionaries.

"May this forever and eternally be very clear," said board chairman Brad Allen following the unanimous vote to accept the statement, prepared by the board's administrative committee.

HMB President Larry Lewis told Baptist Press, "The obvious consensus of our board is that they do not want further involvement with the Freemasonry issue...."

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HMB president**

with the Freemasonry issue and that we have dealt with this issue as thoroughly and adequately as we are able."

Messengers to the 1993 SBC meeting in Houston adopted the recommendation that many Masonic teachings are not compatible with Christianity and Southern Baptist doctrine, while other teachings are compatible. Among those things found incompatible was that universalism "permeates the writings of many Masonic authors."

The editor of a Masonic journal, however, told Baptist Press later that Freemasonry does not teach universalism or any other religious belief. Masonic writers' religious beliefs do not reflect the organization's teachings, he said.

"Freemasonry, despite what

other people may say, does not make theological statements of this sort or any sort, other than the belief in a deity," said John Boettger, of the *Scottish Rite Journal of Freemasonry*. "That's as far as we go theologically."

In other actions, the board elected four new staff members and appointed 13 missionaries, while the chaplains commission endorsed 33 chaplains.

In his annual address, Lewis noted that 1,500 churches were started last year and 74,860 people served as HMB volunteers. The areas of greatest concern, Lewis said, are decreased baptisms and projected budget reductions due to declines in Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering gifts.

The 1995 budget will be 6% less than the 1994 budget, but that does not mean every state will have a 6% reduction in HMB funds, Lewis said. The Atlanta staff is reducing its budget so that cuts on the field will be minimal, he said.

The new Home Mission Board building, to be completed next year, "does not contribute to our financial situation," Lewis said. "None of the expenses of the new building are in our budget or our projected budget."

Estimated cost for the new building is \$19.9 million, including \$14.9 million for construction, \$2.6 million for land purchase and

development, \$2 million for furnishings, and \$400,000 for capital expenditures such as a new telephone system.

The new building will be funded by \$14.5 million from the sale of the current location, \$2.3 million from HMB reserves, \$150,000 from the Southern Baptist Convention capital fund, and \$3 million from a fund-raising campaign called "Building for the Future."

On another funding issue, Lewis reiterated his call to continue accepting funds from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The HMB receives about \$500,000 a year through the CBF, Lewis said. Those funds are from churches and individuals, Lewis noted, not the CBF itself.

"To reject these contributions would be perceived as an insult by those donors," Lewis said. "They may not be happy with trends in

the SBC or the elected leaders. They may not be happy with the president of the Home Mission Board or the directors of the Home Mission Board, but they still have our missionaries on their heart."

Mississippi board members are Liston L. Morris, member of First Church, Columbia; Louie W. Odom, member of Cross-gates Church, Pearl; and J. Greg Martin, pastor of Commission Road Church, Long Beach.

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### SWBTS trustees approve, nix, "reconciliation" meeting

By Greg Warner

BATON ROUGE, La. (ABP) — Almost half the trustees of Southwestern Seminary want to meet to make amends for the way they fired the school's president, but their efforts have been blocked.

Approval of 20 trustees, or half the board, would be needed to call the special meeting over the objections of the chairman.

After lobbying feverishly for several days, supporters of the idea — led by Robert Anderson of Baton Rouge, La. — reportedly got the 20th vote April 13. But within hours, two trustees backed out amid rumors the meeting would be used to reinstate Russell Dilday, who was abruptly fired by trustees March 9.

Anderson said the 20 merely wanted to "establish reconciliation" by apologizing for misdeeds on both sides of the dispute, resolving details of Dilday's severance agreement, and finding the fired president a long-term role with the school, perhaps as chancellor.

"In order to get the 20, we had to agree not to reinstate Dilday," said Anderson, one of a handful who voted against the firing in March.

But within hours of notifying trustee chairman Ralph Pulley April 13 that a majority of trustees were in agreement, the consensus evaporated.

"Somebody sent the word out that our agenda was to reinstate the president," Anderson told Associated Baptist Press April 16.

Other rumors said the trustees were meeting to oust their officers or to replace the presidential search committee. While none of that was true, Anderson said, the damage was done.

Trustees Paul Balducci of Mobile, Ala., and Craig Atherton of Wichita, Kan. — who both voted to fire Dilday initially — backed out of the called meeting,

Anderson said.

"It's in the death stages now," said Anderson, pastor of Parkview Church, Baton Rouge. "I just hope it will be reborn."

Pulley, contacted by ABP April 15, first said he knew nothing of a called meeting. When asked about Anderson's efforts, the Dallas attorney said, "It won't amount to anything." Pulley said he is opposed to reconvening the trustees.

Since their March 9 dismissal of the 63-year-old Dilday, trustees have been showered with criticism, as much for the manner of the dismissal as for the act itself — first denying the firing was afoot, then voting Dilday out in closed session, locking him out of his office, changing his computer-access code, and initially offering no public explanation for their action.

Students, faculty, donors, alumni, and one accrediting agency have protested the action. Leaders of the seminary's advisory council estimate the firing has cost the school at least \$15 million in gifts and pledges.

Anderson said a meeting to heal some of the wounds among trustees and with their constituents would do much to quell the growing unrest in Baptist pews over the firing.

Anderson told ABP he has spent 20 years "restoring" ministers fired by their churches, and the same ministry of restoration is needed between Dilday and the trustees. "I just feel we can do that as Christians."

Among the other issues Anderson said need addressing is Dilday's severance package. Although trustees voted to pay Dilday his salary and other benefits until he reaches 65 next year, details of the agreement were left to Pulley and the other officers to settle.

Dilday told ABP the plan

offered by Pulley would give trustees the power to cancel the benefits if Dilday says anything critical of the seminary. Under such a "muzzle," Dilday said, he would be afraid to enter a mortgage or take on other financial obligations necessary in his forced retirement.

Anderson said he too is concerned about that prohibition after talking with Dilday. "The only thing he asked for was lifting of those restrictions," Anderson reported.

By going public now, Anderson said, he is hoping to change the minds of at least two trustees so that a called meeting can be held.

Others joining Anderson in calling for the meeting are: Wayne Allen, Carrollton, Texas; John Babb, Ely, Nev.; Larry Brown, Convent Station, N.J.; Willie Brumfield Quitman, Miss.; Robert Burch, Knoxville, Tenn.; Pat Campbell, St. Charles, Mo.; Lynn Cooper, Madisonville, Ky.; Gerald Dacus, Walnut, Calif.; William Hightower, Charleston, S.C.; Charles Lord, Delair, N.J.; Richard Mason, Fairfield, Ill.; Dick McClure, Hugo, Okla.; Jack Patterson, Newport News, Va.; Ted Russell, Aztec, N.M.; Lu Walker, Beaverton, Ore.; Danny Williams, Thornton, Colo.; and William Wyrick of Princeton, W.V.

Trustees not signing are David Allen, Dallas; Atherton; Balducci; Laura Lee Cogswell, Sherman, Texas; Olin Collins, Watauga, Texas; Ron Coppock, Xenia, Ohio; William Cutrer, Dallas; T. Bob Davis, Dallas; C. A. Johnson, Paragould, Ark.; Charles Lawson, Linthicum, Md.; Jim Leftwich, Melbourne, Fla.; Edward Litton, Tucson, Ariz.; Michael Marshall, Temple Hills, Md.; Pulley; Grady Roan, Vidalia, Ga.; Miles Seaborn, Fort Worth, Texas; Lyle Seltmann, Traverse City, Mich.; Damon Shook, Houston; Don Taylor, Asheville, N.C.; Lee Weaver, Fort Worth; and Sid West of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Warner is editor, Associated Baptist Press.

### Southwestern faculty "offended" by trustee letter to churches

By Herb Hollinger

FORT WORTH (BP) — Faculty of Southwestern Seminary expressed "dismay and offense" at the recent letter sent by seminary trustee officers to Southern Baptist churches explaining the firing of President Russell H. Dilday Jr. on March 9.

In an "Open Letter to Southern Baptists," faculty said the trustees' letter implied that Dilday "holds liberal views of scripture and uses 'higher criticism' in destructive ways."

"Both charges are false," the faculty letter reads. "We respond not just to defend Dr. Dilday, but also to affirm valid methods of Bible study among Southern Baptists."

However, Ralph W. Pulley Jr., chairman of Southwestern's board of trustees, said the trustees' analysis is accurate as written in their letter.

"We respect the right of faculty to express their views, any way

they see fit," Pulley said in response to the faculty letter.

However, "we did not accuse Dilday of being a liberal nor did we imply that," Pulley said.

Faculty disputed the trustees' charge that Dilday demonstrates "a commitment to the principles of higher criticism, which spawned theological liberalism (modernism), neo-orthodoxy, the death of God, situational ethics, etc."

The faculty letter, signed as "Faculty of SWBTS," also declares "the Bible is the inspired record of God's self-revelation, we affirm its authority. Inspired by God, the Bible was written by men and is a historical and literary document. Christians must remain free to use in a reverent way literary and historical tools of Bible study to understand what God is saying to us through the biblical authors."

Hollinger is director, Baptist Press.

# SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

June 14-16, 1994 — Orange County Convention Center — Orlando, Florida

Theme: "... For I know — He is able..."

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:12

## SBC's 137th session to elect president, conduct business

ORLANDO, Fla. (BP) — Southern Baptists will gather for their annual national meeting June 14-16 at Orlando's Orange County Convention/Civic Center to elect a new president, approve reports, conduct business, and hear testimonies

on the theme: "For I know — He is able."

As many as 25,000 messengers are expected.

Below is listed the program and personalities for that session.

### Tuesday Morning, June 14

8:15 Music for Inspiration — Southern Baptist Convention Student Choir, Byron Cutrer, director, First Church, Orlando, Fla.

8:30 Call to Order

Congregational Singing — Ragan M. Vandergriff III, minister of music, First Church, Orlando, Fla.

Prayer — Lewis E. Adkinson, pastor, Circle Drive Church, Colorado Springs, Colo.

8:35 Registration Report and Constitution of Convention — Lee Porter, SBC registration secretary, associate pastor, St. Andrew Church, Panama City, Fla.

8:40 Committee on Order of Business (First Report) — Fred Powell, chairman, senior associate and interim pastor, First Church, Moore, Okla.

8:45 Welcome — Pat Williams, general manager, Orlando Magic basketball team, Orlando

8:50 Response — James L. Sullivan, retired president, BSSB, Nashville

8:55 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions, and Tellers

9:00 Crossover Orlando — Jay Strack, SBC first vice president, evangelist, Dallas

9:05 Commission on the American Baptist Seminary Report — Stephen P. Carleton, secretary-treasurer, Nashville

9:15 Southern Baptist Convention Canada Planning Group Report — Larry L. Lewis, president, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

9:25 Theme Testimony — Bo Mitchell, Mission Service Corps volunteer, Winter Haven, Fla.

9:35 Denominational Press Report — Herbert V. Hollinger, vice president for Convention News, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville

9:45 Introduction of Business and Resolutions

10:00 Executive Committee Report (Part 1) — Morris H. Chapman, president and chief executive officer, Executive Committee, Nashville

10:55 Congregational Singing — Gary Moore, convention music director, minister of music, Second Church, Houston

11:00 Music — Caedmon's Call, Second Church, Houston

11:10 President's Address — H. Edwin Young, SBC president, pastor, Second Church, Houston

11:45 Benediction — James DeLoach, retired associate pastor, Fairhope, Ala.

### Tuesday Afternoon, June 14

1:00 Music for Inspiration — Babbie Mason, Christian artist, Eastside Church, Marietta, Ga.

1:30 Congregational Singing — Ken Harley, minister of music, First Church, Leesburg, Va.

Prayer — Joseph W. Atchison, director of missions, Northwest Association, Rogers, Ark.

1:35 Business

Committee on Order of Business (Second Report) — Fred Powell

Introduction of Business and Resolutions

1:45 Theme Testimony — Beverly Terrell, Christian vocalist, Houston

1:55 Congregational Singing — Steve White, minister of music, First Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

2:00 Baptist World Alliance Report — Denton Lotz, general secretary, McLean, Va.

2:10 Annuity Board Report — Paul W. Powell, president, Dallas

2:20 Education Commission Report — Stephen P. Carleton, executive director, Nashville

2:30 Election of Officers (First)

2:45 Committee on Nominations Report — William E. Bell Jr., chairman, department of religion, Dallas Baptist University, Dallas

3:00 Executive Committee Report (Part 2) — Morris H. Chapman

3:50 Theme Testimony — Pam Veteto, homemaker, Batesville, Ark.

4:00 Messenger Information Survey — David W. Atchison, SBC recording secretary, Brentwood, Tenn.

4:05 Music

4:10 Committee on Committees Report

4:20 Introduction of Business and Resolutions

4:40 Election of Officers (Second)

4:50 Benediction — David Purichia, pastor, Emmanuel Southern Baptist Church, Rockville, Ind.

### Tuesday Evening, June 14

6:10 Music for Inspiration — Chanoel Choir and Orchestra, Bob Reeder, director, minister of music, First Church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

6:25 Congregational Singing — Bob Reeder

Prayer — David Butler, pastor, Springdale Church, Louisville, Ky.

6:30 Theme Testimony — Rachel Hood-Phillips, corporate vice president, Miami

6:40 Committee on Order of Business (Third Report) — Fred Powell

6:45 Congregational Singing — Steve Skinner, minister of music, First Church, Spartanburg, S.C.

6:50 Election of Officers (Third)

7:00 Brotherhood Commission Report — James D. Williams, president, Memphis, Tenn.

7:10 Christian Life Commission Report — Richard D. Land, executive director, Nashville

7:20 Christian Life Commission and Brotherhood Commission Presentation

7:40 Congregational Singing — Steve Phillips, minister of music, First Church, Columbia, S.C.

7:45 Sunday School Board Report — James T. Draper Jr., president, Nashville

7:55 Sunday School Board Presentation

8:50 Benediction — Gene Mims, executive vice president, Sunday School Board, Nashville

### Wednesday Morning, June 15

8:30 Music for Inspiration — Michael Sandifer, Christian artist, Belmont Church, Nashville

8:40 Pat Butler, Soloist, Sanctuary Choir, Second Church, Houston

8:50 Congregational Singing — Gary Moore

Prayer — Terry Little, pastor, Pines Church, Spokane, Wash.

8:55 Denominational Calendar Report — Jerry R. Cooper, chairman, Harvey's Chapel Church, Hot Springs, Ark.

9:00 Introduction of Local Arrangements Committee — John R. "Jack" Wilkerson

9:05 Theme Testimony — Jack R. Smith, personal evangelism consultant, Atlanta

9:15 Congregational Singing — Randy Elrod, minister of music, First Church, Indian Rock, Largo, Fla.

9:20 Bold Mission Thrust Report — Morris H. Chapman

9:30 Election of Officers (Fourth)

9:35 Introduction of Past President

9:45 Seminary Reports — William O. Crews, president, Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; Milton Ferguson, president, Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; Landrum P.

Leavell II, president, New Orleans Seminary; L. Paige Patterson, president, Southeastern

Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; R. Albert Mohler, president, Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; William B. Tolar, interim president, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas

9:55 Seminary Presentation

10:45 Theme Testimony — Cecil Sims, executive director-treasurer, Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland, Ore.

10:55 Business Committee on Order of Business (Fourth Report) — Fred Powell

Introduction of Business and Resolutions (Last Time)

11:00 Previously Scheduled Business

11:15 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)

11:25 Election of Officers (Fifth)

11:30 Music — Sherry Orr Ministries, Killarney Street Church, Winter Park, Fla.

11:40 Convention Sermon — Bobby N. Boyles, pastor, Eagle Heights Church, Oklahoma City

12:15 Benediction — Robert Jeffress, pastor, First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas

### NO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

### Wednesday Evening, June 15

6:00 Music for Inspiration — Music Ministry, First Church, Orlando

6:25 Congregational Singing — Ragan M. Vandergriff III

Prayer — Paul S. James, executive director emeritus, Baptist Convention of New York, Deltona, Fla.

6:30 Business

Committee on Order of Business (Fifth Report) — Fred Powell

Election of Convention Sermon Preacher, Alternate, and Music Director 1995

6:40 Congregational Singing — Gary Middleton, minister of music, Olive Church, Pensacola, Fla.

6:45 Theme Testimony — Thomas Smith, foreign missionary, Sierra Leone

6:55 Woman's Missionary Union Report — Dellanna W. O'Brien, executive director, Birmingham, Ala.

7:05 Foreign Mission Board Report — Jerry A. Rankin, president, Richmond, Va.

7:15 Home Mission Board Report — Larry L. Lewis, president, Atlanta

7:25 Foreign and Home Mission Board Presentation

8:50 Commitment Invitation

8:55 Benediction — Rick Butler, student minister, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, Ind.

### Thursday Morning, June 16

8:30 Music for Inspiration — Steve Sweet, Christian artist, First Church, Orlando

8:50 Congregational Singing — Gary Moore

Prayer — John L. Yeats, pastor, South Park Church, Grand Prairie, Texas

8:55 Stewardship Commission Report — A.R. "Rudy" Fagan, president, Nashville

9:05 American Bible Society Report — Eugene B. Habecker, president and chief executive officer, American Bible Society, New York

9:15 Memorial Service

9:20 Radio and Television Commission Report — Jack B. Johnson, president, Fort Worth, Texas

9:30 Introduction of Fraternal Representatives

9:40 Theme Testimony — Arturo Cobo, Cuban Refugee Center coordinator, Key West, Fla.

9:50 Historical Commission Report — Lynn E. May Jr., executive director, Nashville

10:00 Southern Baptist Foundation Report — Hollis E. Johnson, III, president, Nashville

10:10 Presentation of Outgoing SBC Officers — Morris H. Chapman

10:15 Introduction of Newly Elected SBC Officers — H. Edwin Young

10:20 Theme Testimony — Karen Thomas, crisis pregnancy counselor, Paducah, Ky.

10:30 Congregational Singing — Gary Moore

10:35 Previously Scheduled Business

10:45 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)

11:15 Music — Dick and Mel Tunney, Christian artists, Christ Community Church, Franklin, Tenn.

11:25 Message — Frederick Sampson, pastor, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit

12:00 Benediction — Jim Richards, pastor, Southminister Church, Baton Rouge, La.

### COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

H. Edwin Young, Houston

Sandra Butler Hodge, Princeton, Ky.

Steve Cookingham, Wichita Falls, Texas

Roy Belcher, Corvallis, Ore.

Gary Ledbetter, Brownsburg, Ind.

Fred Powell, Chairman, Moore, Okla.

L. Bert Miller, Springdale, Ark.

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

June 12-13, 1994

Orange County Convention Center — Orlando, Florida

Theme: "A Heart for Evangelism"

## Pastors' Conference features FMB missionaries' commissioning

The Pastors' Conference will focus on aspects of having "a heart for God as a denomination," according to conference president Dwight "Ike" Reighard.

The June 12-13 Pastors' Conference will be held at the Orange County Convention/Civic Center on International Drive in Orlando, site of the Southern Baptist Convention's June 14-16 annual meeting.

Included in the emphasis, for example, will be a commissioning service for new missionaries appointed by the Foreign Mission Board.

The program for the conference is listed below.

## Sunday Afternoon, June 12

- 1:50 Pre-Session Choral Praise — New Hope Church Choir & Orchestra, Joe Estes, director, Fayetteville, Ga.
- 2:00 Welcome — Dwight "Ike" Reighard, pastor of New Hope Church, Pastors' Conference president, Fayetteville, Ga.
- 2:03 Scripture and Prayer — John Sullivan, executive director, Florida Baptist Convention, Jacksonville
- 2:08 Musical Praise — Point of Grace, Christian concert artist, Nashville
- 2:15 Message — Ted Traylor, pastor, Olive Church, Pensacola, Fla.
- 2:40 Praise and Worship — Michael Wells, minister of worship and the creative arts, Braelinn Church, Peachtree City, Ga.
- 2:45 Greetings and Welcome — James T. Draper Jr., president, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville
- 2:50 Message — Ronnie Floyd, pastor, First Church, Springdale, Ark.
- 3:15 Prayer and Offering — Charles Roesel, pastor, First Church, Leesburg, Fla.
- 3:18 Choral Praise — New Hope Church Choir & Orchestra
- 3:20 Message — Calvin Miller, professor of communications and ministry studies, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
- 3:45 Musical Praise — Point of Grace
- 3:50 Testimonial Message — Rick Stanley, evangelist, Fayetteville, Ga.
- 4:05 Musical Praise — Jack Price, music evangelist, Garland, Texas
- 4:10 Message — Johnny Hunt, pastor, First Church, Woodstock, Ga.
- 4:30 Benediction — Mark Matheson, pastor, First Church, Windemere, Fla.

## Sunday Evening, June 12

- 6:25 Pre-Session Choral Praise — New Hope Church Choir & Orchestra; Brushy Creek Church Choir & Orchestra, Tony Lollis, director, Easley, S.C.
- 6:30 Praise & Worship — Roger Christian, minister of music, Roswell Street Church, Marietta, Ga.
- 6:35 Scripture & Prayer — John Yarbrough, pastor, First Church, Perry, Ga.
- 6:40 Musical Praise — Newsong, Christian concert artist, Atlanta
- 6:50 Message — Tom Eliff, pastor, First Southern Church, Del City, Okla.
- 7:20 Praise & Worship — Roger Christian
- 7:25 Welcome — Morris Chapman, president, Executive Committee, Nashville
- 7:30 Message — Jay Strack, evangelist, Dallas
- 7:50 Prayer & Offering — Fred Lowery, pastor, First Church, Bossier City, La.
- 7:55 Musical Praise — Newsong
- 8:00 Message — Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Church, Cordova, Tenn.
- 8:30 Foreign Mission Board Commissioning Service — Jerry Rankin, president, FMB, Richmond
- 9:30 Benediction — Ken Whitten, pastor, Idlewild Church, Tampa, Fla.

## Monday Morning, June 13

- 8:30 Choral Praise — First Church Choir & Orchestra, Steve White, director, Merritt Island, Fla.
- 8:40 Praise & Worship — Denny Dawson, minister of music, First Church, Franklin, Tenn.
- 8:45 Scripture & Prayer — Robert McGee, president,

Rapha Inc.

- 8:50 Musical Praise — Al Holley, music evangelist, Atlanta
- 9:00 Message — Tony Evans, pastor Oakcliff Bible Fellowship, Dallas
- 9:30 Musical Praise — SpiritBound, Christian concert artist, Nashville
- 9:40 Message — Zig Ziglar, president, Zig Ziglar Corp., Dallas
- 10:10 Praise & Worship — Denny Dawson
- 10:15 Prayer & Offering — Jerry Sutton, pastor, Two Rivers Church, Nashville
- 10:20 Choral Praise
- 10:30 Testimonial Message — Bobby Bowden, head football coach, Florida State University, Tallahassee
- 10:50 Musical Praise — SpiritBound
- 10:55 Message — John Maxwell, chairman of the board, Injoy Ministries, El Cajon, Calif.
- 11:25 Benediction — Lee Mabry, pastor, Fortified Hills Church, Smyrna, Ga.

## Monday afternoon, June 13

- 1:20 Choral Praise — Choirs and Orchestras from First Church, Snellville, Ga., Rick Forbus, director; and First Church, Franklin, Tenn., Denny Dawson, director
- 1:30 Scripture & Prayer — Timothy George, dean, Beeson Divinity School, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.
- 1:35 Message — Larry Wynn, pastor, Hebron Church, Dacula, Ga.
- 2:00 Choral Praise — Sessions Choirs
- 2:10 Message — James Merritt, pastor, First Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 2:35 Musical Praise — 4 Him, Christian concert artist, Nashville
- 2:40 Election of Officers — "Ike" Reighard
- 3:00 Message — Jerry Vines, pastor, First Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 3:30 Prayer & Offering — Jack Graham, pastor, Prestonwood Church, Dallas
- 3:35 Praise & Worship — Kim Noblitt, minister of music, Dauphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala.
- 3:40 Special 50 Year Recognition of W.A. Criswell — presentation by O.S. Hawkins, pastor, First Church, Dallas, and "Ike" Reighard
- 3:50 Musical Praise — 4 Him
- 4:00 Message — Jerry Falwell, president, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.
- 4:30 Benediction — Mike Hamlet, pastor, First Church, North Spartanburg, S.C.

## Monday evening, June 13

- 6:30 Patriotic Opener — Truth, Christian concert artist, Mobile, Ala., Roger Breland, director
- 6:35 Welcome — Ed Young, president, SBC, pastor, Second Church, Houston
- 6:40 Scripture & Prayer — Paige Patterson, president, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.
- 6:45 Introduction of 1995 Pastors' Conference Officers — "Ike" Reighard
- 6:50 Home Mission Board's Here's Hope America — Thad Hamilton, director of personal evangelism, Home Mission Board, Atlanta
- 7:10 Musical Praise — Truth
- 7:15 Message — Fred Wolfe, pastor, Cottage Hill Church, Mobile, Ala.
- 7:45 Prayer & Offering — Richard Lee, pastor, Rehoboth Church, Tucker, Ga.
- 7:50 Musical Praise — Larry Brubaker, instrumental music minister, Roswell Street Church, Tucker, Ga.
- 7:55 Message — Jack Kemp, co-director, Empower America, Washington
- 8:25 Praise & Worship — Mass Choir (Combination of all Sessions 1-4 Choirs)
- 8:30 Testimonial Message — Clebe McClary, director, Clebe McClary Ministries, Pawley's Island, S.C.
- 8:50 Musical Praise — Truth
- 9:00 Message — Charles Stanley, pastor, First Church, Atlanta
- 9:30 Grand Finale Celebration — The Church Triumphant, video, Truth, Mass Choir and Orchestra
- 9:40 Benediction — Jack Millwood, pastor, First Church at Westin, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.



## Auditions scheduled

Mississippi College's Baptist Student Union will hold auditions May 3 for its 1994-95 performing group, Priority. Any student who will be a student at MC next fall is invited to audition. Pictured are members of the 1993-94 group. They are, with hometown identification, (front row, left to right) Joe Curet, Gulfport; Amy Lott, Clinton; Tracy Brannon, Meridian; Crull Chambliss, Gulfport; Ashley Vickers, Jackson; (back row, left to right) Andy Burczynski, Jackson; Kimberly Carnes, Vicksburg; Melanie Barham, Clinton; Courtney Singleton, Brookhaven; and John Shupe, Natchez. For more information, call (601) 925-3238.

## Fred Wolfe addresses Hattiesburg conference

Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Church, Mobile, Ala., chairman of the SBC Executive Committee, and announced candidate for president of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke at a recent Pastors' Conference at Main Street Church in Hattiesburg.

Russell Bush, pastor of Main Street, and John Allen, Richton pastor, co-hosted the meeting.

Wolfe spoke at length on his candidacy for the SBC president's position.

"I did not seek the office, but they sought me," said Wolfe. He also spoke highly of Jim Henry, Orlando, Fla., pastor and the only other announced candidate.

Wolfe said he is the conservative candidate: "A vote for me is a vote for the conservative resurgence to continue in the SBC. A vote for Jim Henry will send another message."

Emphasis was placed on the centrality of the local church by

the Mobile pastor, who declared the denomination exists to make the local church strong. He also said he desires to see a recovery of respect for the role of the pastor.

In a question and answer session, Wolfe said he supports trustees who dismissed Russell Dillard as president of Southwestern Seminary.

"These are fine godly men who performed a difficult task," Wolfe said. "I know the men of the conservative resurgence have made some errors, but they were errors of the head, not the heart, and in the long run, I believe God is pleased."

Wolfe also stated that people who have trouble with the conservative resurgence of the Convention do not reflect the grassroots of the SBC and perhaps would be happier somewhere else. About 40 pastors and staff members attended the conference.

## Trustees vote, change RTVC to Communications Commission

FORT WORTH (BP) — Trustees of the Radio and Television Commission voted to change the agency's name to Communications Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, affirmed the president, and began the process of developing a revised program statement.

The action was taken at the April 12 trustees meeting at a Dallas-Fort

Worth Airport hotel.

The name of the commission was changed previously when television was added to it in 1954. The new name, Communications Commission, trustees said, would better position the agency to take advantage of new technologies in electronic communications as they emerge.

**FERGUSON WILL LEAVE MWBTS IN '96: KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)** — Milton Ferguson, president of Midwestern Seminary the past 21 years, has announced his retirement effective July 31, 1996. Ferguson, who will be 66 on May 8 of this year, made the announcement April 18 following his report during the first session of the trustees' two-day meeting at the seminary. Ferguson had taught at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, 16 years before assuming Midwestern's presidency in 1973. He was professor of Christian philosophy from 1965-72.

# Letters to the editor

## Sign letters, please

The Baptist Record often receives pertinent Letters to the Editor which are not signed. Our policy will not permit the publication of unsigned material.

Writers' names can be withheld if warranted, but the letters must be signed in order to be considered for publication.

## On women's conf.

Editor:

I noticed in the March 24 issue of *The Baptist Record* an article dealing with the issue of women and the church ("Kentucky conference examines issue of women and church"). What I saw was enough to make any Bible-believing Southern Baptist sick. The Louisville Presbyterian Seminary held a conference on women and the church on March 4-5. One of the speakers was a Methodist theologian from Ghana named Mercy Oduyoye. Oduyoye, who is a member of the World Council of Churches, told the people who attended the conference that the church has been male-dominated for too long. It is time for women to gain greater respect and visibility in the church, she said.

Oduyoye wants women to have leadership roles, like the role of pastor or deacon. The Bible clearly teaches that only men should be pastors and deacons. A pastor, and a deacon as well, should be the husband of one wife and one who rules his own house well. The way I understand the Bible, these qualifications apply only to men.

But thanks be to God that the leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention, such as Southern Seminary President Al Mohler, refused to support and attend the conference. They are to be commended for their courage to stand up for what is right and condemn

what is wrong. Thank God for the leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention. They are theologically conservative men who are leading our denomination in the right direction. They are working hard to get the SBC back to its conservative roots. They deserve our prayers and our support.

Kevin Waller  
Bude

## Commendable giving

Editor:

I would like to commend the wonderful membership of McLauren's First Church. With an average attendance of 41 in Sunday School, most of whom are on fixed Social Security retirement income, they set a goal for the Annie Armstrong Home Mission Offering of \$1,200. The worship services focused on the cost of the cross and the seriousness of discipleship during the weeks before Easter. When the "walk to the cross" offering was counted, the total was over \$1,500. What happened? I believe this group of dedicated disciples focused on taking the Bible and its teaching seriously while the "theological heavyweights" seem to focus on the battle of the doctrine of inspiration.

I thought of this when I read in your recent issue about the methods of rationale given in the firing of President Dilday at Southwestern Seminary. The article quoted John Seelig, acting director of public relations at the seminary. It

seemed to imply that many businessmen wondered about the fuss over changing the locks on the president's office. "What's the big deal?" they asked. "It happens in business all the time." How significant that they did not sense that a Christian seminary's trustees would deal with internal matters in a way different than common business practices. Are secular business standards to be the rule of operational procedure for SBC seminaries and institutions? Are we to be "conformed to this world" rather than being "transformed by the renewing of our minds" by the spirit of Christ? Is it possible after all that the root of the current battle really is power not doctrine and the hidden agenda is really an attempt to deliver the "Baptist vote" for a particular secular political position in national and local politics?

Such questions can depress those who take biblical discipleship seriously as believers who are truly Baptist. That's why I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as interim pastor for those wonderful, Bible-loving, truly Baptist members of McLauren's First Church. The new pastor is blessed indeed to serve this wonderful flock.

Graham L. Hales  
Hattiesburg

## Coppenger responds

Editor:

Despite the editor's castigation (in his April 7 editorial), I stand by my statement. Yes, I spotlighted Convention good news and gave a word of encouragement, just as he spotlighted some disappointments and gave a word of gloom. Given the vitality of our Convention, I had the easier job.

Cooperative Program is up, year to date. We're starting a record four new missions a day. We enjoy a net gain of five new churches and 750 members per week. Christian Life Commission sales are at a record high. The

Foreign Mission Board reports a third straight record year in baptisms and a gain of nearly 2,400 new churches. And at home, we baptize someone every 86 seconds. Southeastern Seminary has emerged from conflict to see strong new growth. The list goes on and on.

I offer no apologies for my optimism.

Mark Coppenger  
Vice president for  
Convention relations  
Executive Committee, SBC  
Nashville

**Editor's Note:** The "castigation" was the April 7 editorial, "The transition process." It is thrilling to know Coppenger had an "easier job" being optimistic over the firings of Russell Dilday, Keith Parks, etc.

## Respect or fear?

Editor:

As a student at Southwestern Seminary and a Mississippi Baptist, I want to voice my concern and disappointment over the actions of the board of trustees in the firing of Russell Dilday. This concern has nothing to do with theology issues or differing opinions, but is written out of fear of the ungodly tactics and disrespectful business maneuvers used by our board. I would like to urge Mississippi Baptists to pray that God would convict those with power to act out of love for Christ and not out of love for politics. I am afraid that these men are more concerned over the way things have always been than the way things could be. If one could see the hurt and frustration that was left on our campus a month ago, it would cause any non-believer to question the truth of God's unconditional love. I firmly believe that when one human strikes fear in another out of intimidation rather than respect, something is wrong. The board of trustees are feafed, and that

should be dealt with before it is too late.

Steven Smith  
Fort Worth, Texas

## Shocked by signing

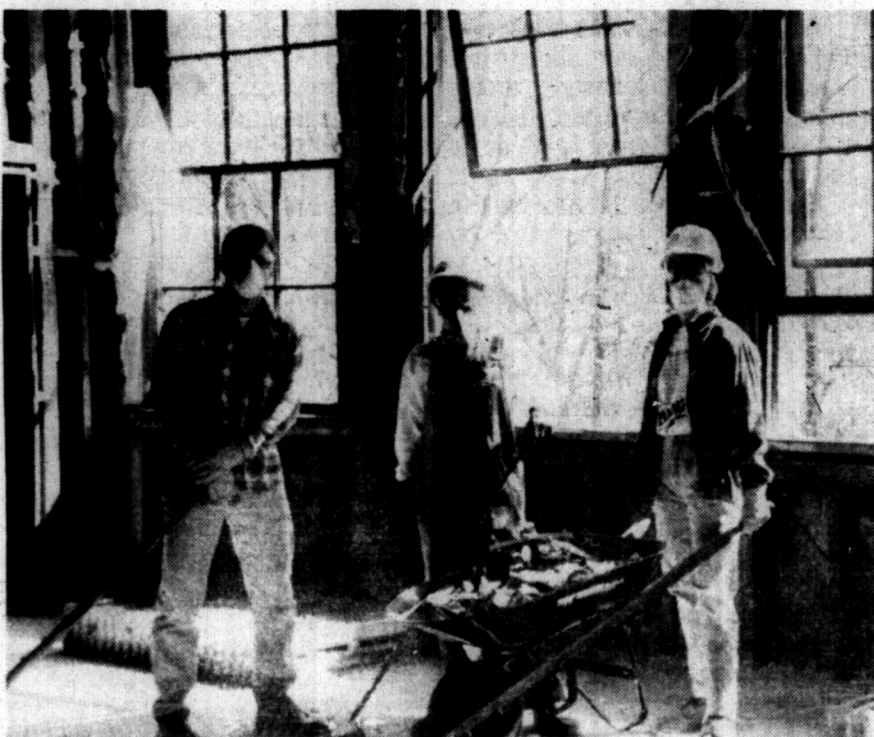
Editor:

I was shocked when I read about the signing of the "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" document. According to the article, many conservative evangelicals, including Larry Lewis and Richard Land, signed (and therefore agreed with) the document. The document reads, in part, that "it is neither theologically legitimate nor a prudent use of resources for one Christian community to proselytize among active adherents of another Christian community." In other words, evangelical Christians should not share their faith with practicing Catholics.

As a church starter in a predominantly Catholic area, I know that many Catholics have found a meaningful relationship with Christ, but that is not the norm. Millions of "active adherents" in the Roman Catholic Church have been blinded to the truth of God's grace through the teachings of the Catholic system. It is tragic to see our loved ones spend decades following a system of works salvation. It is worse to have Christian brothers and sisters say we should not go to them with the good news of salvation by grace.

An unrelated article in the same issue of *The Baptist Record* contained the statement that for the first time in American history, the number of career missionaries was declining. Should we be surprised by this news at a time when even conservative evangelicals declare that it is "not prudent" for Christians to witness to those who do not have a faith relationship with Christ?

Brad Roderick  
Church starter strategist  
Massachusetts Baptist Association  
Turners Falls, Mass.



Allen Pierce (left) of Raleigh, N.C., Jennifer Bray (center) of Oxford, and Debbie Wallace (right), assistant director of the Baptist Student Union (BSU) were among 18 University of Mississippi students and staff members who traveled to West Point, Ga., during spring break to prepare an old school building for renovation. The school will serve as a training facility and dormitory for chaplains during the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.

## Ole Miss BSU spends spring break preparing school house for renovation

Eighteen members of the University of Mississippi's Baptist Student Union spent their spring break on mission to West Point, Ga., under the direction of Keith Cating, BSU director.

There, they worked with David Guinn of Action Ministries to gut an abandoned school building in preparation for its use as a base for ministry during the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Guinn has worked as chaplain during the last five Olympic games and plans to use the building as a headquarters, dormitory, and training facility for ministers planning to work with athletes during the summer games, Cating said.

"The building had been vandalized and has no insulation, so we stripped it to the studs and hauled out trash and debris in preparation for the renovation," Cating said.

"This trip was a little different for us. Instead of going out and working with people face-to-face, this time we were looking down the road a little further. It was good in that it forced us to be a little more farsighted as we prepared for a ministry that was still two years away," he said.

Lee Sanders, a senior from Alexandria, La., echoed Cating's thoughts: "It was great to work with David Guinn and see the sparkle in his eyes when he looked at that old, beaten-down elemen-

tary school. I learned a lot about faith in God to bring forth his vision in that place."

Calling the week's work "the best week of my entire life, in spite of sore muscles and hard work," Jennifer Bray, a senior from Oxford, said. "It's beautiful to get to work on a project like that."

In addition to gaining a long-term vision of ministry, the trip also helped the students build relationships within the group.

"When you sweat beside someone, you get to know what they're all about, much more so than just sitting with them in class or meeting once a week for Bible study," Cating said.

# HOUSE TOPS

What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light: and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops. Matthew 10:27 NAS

April 21, 1994

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**MISSISSIPPI  
BAPTIST WORLD  
PARTNERSHIPS**

## PURE WATER A DESPERATE NEED IN HONDURAS

For 13 years volunteers with experience and know-how have been drilling water wells in Honduras.

The majority of the villages and communities do not have pure water. They often take it from streams and other places that are also used by animals.

Drilling water wells has proved a boon to the health of communities, but has also afforded an opportunity to share the gospel and has resulted in church growth.

Recently a team using the drilling rig experienced difficulty with stone formations and the drilling rods broke. It was discovered that the rods had metal fatigue and had to be replaced. Cost of replacement is approximately \$5,400. Churches from Mississippi, Oregon, and Texas have given funds to replace the rods. However, there will be the cost of transporting the steel to Honduras, which will be expensive. Any church or group interested in contributing to this project should contact the Partnership Missions Office at P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205 or call (601) 968-3800.

## Raining the STANDARD

*Mississippi Super Summer*  
**July 25-29, 1994**  
**William Carey College**

### SUPER SUMMER GUEST PERSONALITIES

**MIKE CURRY** is a youth/family communicator and president of Light Ministries, Inc., in Conway, Ark.



**REGGIE SMITH** is a contemporary Christian vocalist with Friends, the background group for Larnelle Harris

**S**uper Summer Mississippi is designed for the young person who is a leader, a mature and responsible Christian. William Carey College is the host, July 25-29. Young people attending Super Summer Mississippi spend approximately 20 hours in evangelism and discipleship training. Quality leadership from our convention leads our youth in study. Another 20 hours is spent in athletics, small group sessions and free time as well as a few hours of sleep! Youth are trained in how to share their faith, how to have a quiet time, how to memorize scripture, how to find God's will for their lives, and more. They are also challenged and equipped to utilize their talents and penetrate their culture for Christ in creative and effective ways. Throughout the schools we help these young people utilize the freedom they have in Christ to change the world. Best of all, this week is one of the greatest weeks of our lives.

### What age groups go?

Training schools are offered for those having completed 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade. There is also a school for adults attending with the youth.

### Financial Requirements

\$140 per student and adult. This amount includes food, housing in the school dormitory, materials, and T-shirt. A \$40 non-refundable deposit is due for each person registering. Applications will not be accepted without deposits and no deposits are accepted without applications. Late registration cost is \$165 (after June 10). The balance is due July 1.

### Staff and Team Leader Training

Staff and Team Leader training begins on July 23 at 4 p.m. Team Leaders are assigned to their schools and dorm during this time. The time will be filled with training, set up of school rooms, staff fellowship, worship and prayer. Team Leader Training will be provided at this time. Because of the responsibilities of the Team Leaders, the cost for Super Summer is \$95. Churches are encouraged to pay the cost of the Team Leaders they provide.

### Registration Forms

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please send the specified quantity of the registration forms indicated:

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Alpha School** (Students who have completed 8th grade)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Beta School** (Students who have completed 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade and have never attended)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Gamma School** (Students who have attended Super Summer one year)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Delta School** (Students who have attended Super Summer two years)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Theta School** (Students who have attended Super Summer three years)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Kappa School** (For youth ministers, lay youth workers, parents or anyone interested in working with youth -- minimum of one per church)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Team Leader**

Return this form to: **Discipleship & Family Ministry**  
Dept. • Miss. Baptist Convention Board • P.O. Box 530 •  
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## IN CONCERT

**Prentiss Baptist  
Church**  
**6 p.m. April 24**  
David Michel,  
Interim pastor

pray this day....

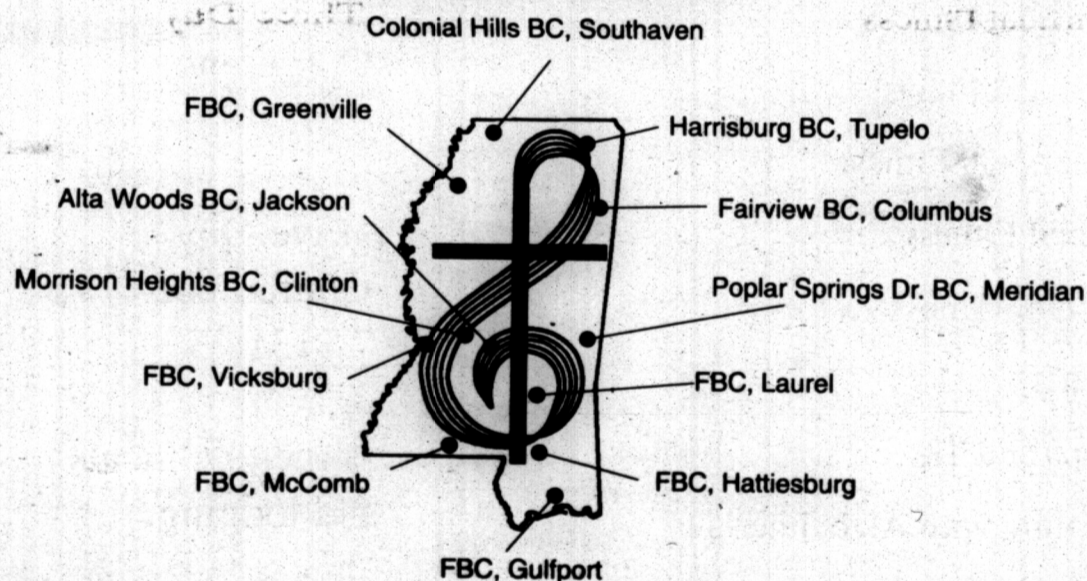
May 1-17, 1994

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
for teachers as they plan for the closing of the school year 1	for students as they work toward final tests and grading for the year 2	for parents in their quest for good activities for their children and for the entire family 3	for parents who work as they prepare for the care of their children during the summer months 4	for childcare facilities in your area to be good for the children 5	for grandparents you know who help with childcare 6	for women who are sad at Mother's Day time because they were never blessed with children 7
for broken child/parent relationships which make Mother's Day a sad one; for good relationships to stay good 8	for your church's program to help strengthen family life 9	for your pastor and other staff members as they counsel in family needs 10	for troubled families you know about, that they will get help in time 11	for youth ministers and activities ministers in their planning of good activities for your youth 12	for workers with children and youth in the church to remain faithful and dependable during the summer 13	for Baptist camping programs about to get underway, especially for the young people who will be counselors and help in other ways 14
for adults whose lives will be role models for children and youth by virtue of their places of service in the church 15	for safety of youth during end-of-the-year school social activities 16	for graduating students who will need jobs for the summer or permanently 17	<b>PRAYER MINISTRY OFFICE</b> P. O. Box 530 Jackson, MS 39205-0530 Phone: (601) 968-3800, Ext. 3904 <b>MISSISSIPPI PRAYERLINE 1-800-787-PRAY</b>			

# May

—the month when we honor mothers, when family is an emphasis of our denomination, when families plan for summertime childcare and for family funtime, when life is not as structured as during schooltime. It can be a good time or a bad time...prayer can help make it good...

## 1994 Mississippi Baptist Area Keyboard Festivals



The 1,138 keyboard participants in the 1994 Mississippi Baptist Area Keyboard Festivals represented 526 churches from 179 cities, towns and 49 Baptist associations.

Twelve Baptist churches in nine designated areas of the state hosted the festivals, January 27, 28, 29, 1994. Assisting were 366 persons that included festival leaders, group leaders, judges, recorders, runners, greeters and the keyboard specialists of the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention. Dot Pray, Keyboard Contract Consultant, and L. Graham Smith, Director, Church Music Department, MBCB, sponsored and coordinated the festivals.

Start planning to have the children and youth from your church participate in the 1995 area keyboard festivals.

The area and state keyboard festivals handbook will be mailed in October to all

Baptist church organists, church pianists, music directors, ministers of music, piano and organ teachers. We ask that registrations be in the Church Music Department by Monday, December 19, 1994. This allows adequate time for preparation of adjudication sheets, certificates and other relevant materials which are sent to the festival leaders.

A listing of the 1995 area keyboard festivals follows. Please note dates, locations, and times. A student may participate in a festival that is not in the area where they reside.

All registrations are sent to the Church Music Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

### 1995 Area Keyboard Festivals

**Thursday, January 26, 1995, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

C-Church; H-Home

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Area 5 .....FBC, Clinton .....Marla Smith, .....C-924-6716  
Bill Bacon .....C-924-6716  
Area 8 .....FBC, Hattiesburg.....Kathy Vail, .....H-264-7443  
Rick Carter  
Area 7 .....FBC, MCombs.....Mark Moore, .....C-684-2971  
Carol Watts .....C-684-2971  
Area 4 .....FBC, Columbus.....Wayne Jackson .....C-328-3915

**Friday, January 27, 1995, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Area 8 .....FBC, Laurel .....Earline Carter .....C-649-5711  
Area 9 .....FBC, Gulfport.....Tammy Turnage.....H-896-5566

**Saturday, January 28, 1995, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Area 5 .....FBC, Vicksburg .....Jim Fless .....C-636-2493  
Area 1 .....Colonial Hills BC, Southaven .....Elizabeth Cothorn .....H-781-2582  
Area 6 .....Poplar Springs Drive BC, Meridian ...Harry Tillery.....C-485-5106  
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Conference III	June 7 - 11	Rob Boyd, Pastor FBC, Indianola
Conference IV	June 13 - 17	Jon Daniels, Minister to Youth FBC, Brookhaven
Conference V	June 17 - 21	Rhett Whitley, Regional Coordinator Fellowship of Christian Athletes
Conference VI	June 21 - 25	Greg Warnock, Pastor Tate Baptist Church, Corinth

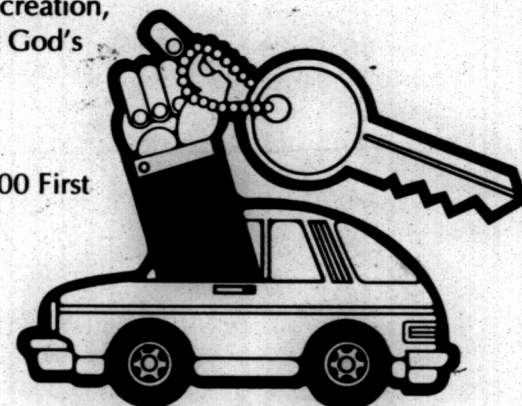
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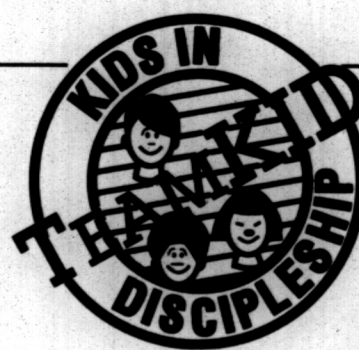
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# HOUSE OF

# Dilday has no plan to run for SBC presidency

FORT WORTH (BP) — Russell H. Dilday Jr., fired president of Southwestern Seminary, said he has no plans to be a candidate for president of the Southern Baptist Convention and urged support for Florida pastor Jim Henry.

Dilday responded to an "Open Letter to Dr. Russell H. Dilday" composed by John Reid, director of missions for the Tuckaseegee Association in Sylva, N.C. The letter was sent to all state Baptist papers and other news media as well as to Dilday. Reid said the letter was his and was not approved by the association although it was sent to news media

on the association's letterhead.

The letter suggests it is "time for Southern Baptists to decide that both conservatives and moderates will share equally in the governance of the (SBC). Let us start in Orlando this June by electing you as the president...."

Jim Henry, pastor of First Church, Orlando, and Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Church, Mobile, Ala., are the two announced candidates at the SBC annual meeting in Orlando June 14-16. Both are acknowledged conservatives.

"I have had several groups, individuals, alumni groups, and

others ask me to be a candidate," Dilday told Baptist Press. "But I do not have anything in my plans or on my agenda, at the present time, in this matter."

Regarding Henry, Dilday said the Florida pastor is a symbol of "reclaiming of heritage... he represents the constructive conservatives, rather than the hard-line, rigid fundamentalist spirit which is not open to alternatives."

Asked specifically if he would accept a nomination for president, Dilday said "right now, no."

Dilday was fired as SWBTS president on March 9 by the seminary's trustees.

Thursday, April 21, 1994

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## LifeAnswers

Ron Mumbower, Ed.D.  
Minister of Counseling  
First Church, Jackson

*I have been married to an alcoholic for 16 years, and one problem keeps nagging at my soul. I feel trapped and imprisoned, unable to break free to do church work and seek God's calling. How should I handle this feeling?*

What is causing the trapped and imprisoned feeling? Is it embarrassment or guilt at not being able to stop your spouse's drinking? Just because you are married to an alcoholic doesn't mean God can't use you. What exactly is stopping you from doing church work? Does your spouse prevent you from leaving the house (as is often the case), or is it that you are ashamed to be the partner of an alcoholic? The spouse of an alcoholic often carries around shame and hurt, while the alcoholic does what he/she wants to do. You are a child of the King and precious in his sight. His acceptance of you is not based on what you have done or to whom you are married. If you are fearful of leaving the house, talk with your spouse about what is acceptable. If getting out is not a problem, find a church fellowship that loves you and needs your gifts and talents, and then use those gifts and talents to honor your Lord. I encourage you to locate an Alcoholics Anonymous group in your area in which you can confide. By watching your fulfillment, your spouse may realize his alcoholism is failing him and choose to follow your example. Pray for God's direction, and then go.

*I am 16 years old and tired of*

*hearing about sex all the time from my church, parents, and the media. I know right from wrong, and I want to be all that God wants me to be. What's the big deal?*

What a great question from someone on the battleground! The big deal is that you are in the minority, because most people your age don't understand right from wrong and are doing "whatever feels good." Young people need examples like you to speak up and say, "This is not right." There are so many issues wrapped up in youthful sexual involvement. One problem is that many young people don't feel loved and are seeking love through sexual interaction. Another problem is that the rising number of boys with absent fathers think sex and violence is the way of manhood. For girls, the absence of a daddy's love, time, and presence means that they will do whatever a boys asks of them to feel that closeness and touch. The church can be a haven for those who feel so unloved and is an ideal place to show real love to young people who are hurting in this way. Sex is killing people — literally — and they don't know why. You can speak up for right and help a generation that does not know how to say "no." You apparently have positive role models who have trained you to push for the greater disciplines of purity, commitment, and service. Stand firm and don't go it alone. We must all stay accountable to each other in this fight called Christianity.

Send your counseling questions to LifeAnswers c/o The Baptist Record, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530. Please be brief. Name is not required. Remember: in time of crisis, your pastor can make recommendations on your counseling needs.

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# FOR THE RECORD

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The Healthcaring Center for Women presents a discussion on menopause and other passages of a woman's life

Gail Sheehy, author of the number one New York Times bestseller, *The Silent Passage: Menopause*, will be leading an enlightening discussion on the very important and confusing stages of a woman's life, May 6. The program will help demystify the medical and psychological issues of menopause, while providing insight on all passages of a woman's life.

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## An Evening with Gail Sheehy

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## Just for the Record



Washington Association recently held a Royal Ambassador-sponsored kite flying derby to raise money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. Each RA recruited individuals to sponsor him in the derby. Thirty-two boys and 26 adults from seven churches participated. The total donation to the offering was \$162. Above, James Kerr (left), associational RA director, presents prizes to (from left) Rainer Hedge-wood, Chris Holley, Stephen Lazar, and John Hicks. Categories for judging were best home model, longest in the air, highest, and smallest.

First, Jackson, will hold a Christian Aerobic Extravaganza training seminar for anyone interested in becoming an aerobics instructor. Three sessions will be offered May 21 from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the First Church family life center. Registration fees are: \$99 before April 23; \$120 by May 7; and \$149 by May 21. For more

information or to register, call 1-800-650-9908.

GREENSBORO, N.C. (BP) — The annual worship and meeting of Women in Ministry is scheduled for May 5 in Greensboro, N.C. The worship, which begins at 10 a.m., will be in Guildford Ballroom F at the Koury Convention

Center/Four Seasons Holiday Inn in Greensboro, site of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship general assembly.

The Mississippi College Chamber Choir will be featured in concert April 24 at two churches: Arlington Heights, Pascagoula, at 11 a.m.; and Central, Brookhaven, at 6 p.m.

The Imperials will be in concert at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, April 29 at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge, but a love offering will be taken. For more information, call the church at (601) 956-5000.

Yale Street Church, Bolivar Association, has exceeded its \$500 goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. The church to date has given a total of \$589.

Alumni of Southern Seminary will hold a fellowship meeting May 6 at 9 p.m. during the general assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Greensboro, N.C. Southern alumni will meet in Coliseum 1 of the Special Events Center. Cost is \$5.

## Staff Changes

Ricky Trull has been called as pastor of Fairfield Church, Moselle. He goes there from Northway Church in Tuscaloosa, Ala., where he served as associate pastor.

First Church, Ridgeland, has called Wende Minyard as week-day ministry director. The Mississippi College graduate previously served at Lakeshore Church, Jackson.

## Revival Results

First, Polkville: March 27-30; Danny Lanier, Little Rock, preaching; Gene Rester, Jackson, music; nine professions of faith; three received by letter; Fred Fowler, pastor.



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## Revival Dates

Trinity, Pearl: April 24-27; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Mac Amis, Brookhaven, evangelist; Richard Sullivan, Pearl, music; Kenny Goff, pastor.

First Church of Delisle, Pass Christian: May 1-4; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Ernest Sadler, Jackson Co. DOM, evangelist; Mike Ramsey, Pass Christian, music; Gerald Walker, pastor.

Yale Street, Cleveland: April 24-27; Sunday, 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; David Higgs, music; Jimmy Sellers, pastor, evangelist.

Crosby (Mississippi): April 22-24; Fri.-Sat., 7 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Lucky Teague, head of church/ministry relations at NOBTS, evangelist; Martin Steelmon, pastor, music.

Alta Woods, Jackson: April 24-27; Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Frank Gunn, Biloxi, evangelist; Tommy Lyons, San Antonio, Texas, music; Frank H. Thomas Jr., pastor.

Athens (Simpson): April 30-May 4; Sat., Obadiah Quartet; Sunday, 11 a.m., lunch, and 1 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Stan Rushing, Jackson, evangelist; Bob Harris, D'Lo, music; John Coleman, pastor.

Ridgecrest (Hinds-Madison): April 24-27; Sunday and Wed., 6

p.m.; Mon. and Tues., 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 11:15 a.m.-12:40 p.m. lunch (donations taken); Billy Smith, evangelist; David Prevost, music; Phil Walker, pastor.

Immanuel, Cleveland: April 25-27; 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; William J. Hurt, Canton, evangelist; Tom Mercier, Prentiss, music; Tommy Arinder, pastor.

Pleasant Valley, Mendenhall: April 24-29; Sunday, 11 a.m., lunch, afternoon services; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Walter Burrell, evangelist; Roger Welch, music; Earl Clark, pastor.

New Hope, Gulfport: April 24-28; Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; 7 nightly; Gary M. Bowlin, Brandon, evangelist; Gerald and Cindy Simmons, Gulfport, music; W.L. Chapuis, pastor.

Crooked Creek, Silver Creek: April 24-29; Sunday, 11 a.m., lunch, and 1:15 p.m.; Mon.-Fri., 7 p.m.; Larue Stevens, Jackson, evangelist; Larry Davis, music; L.C. Anthony, pastor.

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## MBMC lists future events

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April 30: Super Sitters, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Classroom C on the lower level. The class will give babysitters safety tips, information

## Maddox, daughter of former Book Store manager, dies

Leigh Maddox, daughter of former Baptist Book Store manager Charles McGlocklin and his wife Mary Jane, was killed April 15 on Hwy. 49S when a tree blew over onto her car.

Funeral and burial services were April 17 at Salem Church, Collins.

Maddox was a student at the University of Southern Mississippi. In addition to her parents, she leaves a daughter, 3-year-old Victoria Leigh; two brothers; two grandmothers; one niece; and a nephew.

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## Names in the News

**Pine Grove, Magee:** April 24; covered dish meal served following morning worship service; business meeting for cemetery will meet at 1 p.m.; special music for afternoon service by Pete and Dora Ainsworth.

**Silver Springs (Pike):** April 24; services, 11 a.m.; dinner served at 12:30 p.m.; Homer Yarborough, former pastor, now living in Alabama, guest speaker.

**Bethsaida, Philadelphia:** April 24; services, 10 a.m.; covered dish, noon; 1:30 p.m. singing; Jerry Guess, pastor.

**Harmony, Cruger:** April 24;

services, 10:30 a.m.; covered dish on grounds at noon; 1:15 p.m. singing; cemetery association meeting at 1:30 p.m.; Ken Gower, pastor.

**Wesson (Copiah):** April 24; services, 10:45 a.m.; lunch in the gym; 1:30 p.m. singing with the Sullivan Family of Crystal Springs and Hubert Greer of Wesson; Mike Carr, pastor, speaker.

**Immanuel, Cleveland:** April 24; celebrating 40 years; open house, 9:45 a.m.; services, 11 a.m.; James A. Hurt, guest speaker; lunch; evening service, Harry Clarke, guest speaker; Tommy Arinder, pastor.

## Memphian Frank S. Groner dies

Frank S. Groner, 82, who saw Baptist Memorial Hospital (BMH) in Memphis explode to nearly 2,100 beds and national prominence during his 34-year tenure as chief executive officer, died April 17 at his home in Memphis.

The hospital, which sprawls across a huge section of downtown Memphis and annually charts one of the highest hospital admission rates in the world, is jointly owned by the state Baptist conventions of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas.

Groner was the son of the

founder of Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, where he worked as an administrator after graduating from Baylor University in 1934. He joined the BMH staff in 1944 and retired in 1980.

Stephen Reynolds, the current BMH president and chief executive officer, called Groner a "Christian gentleman and friend."

A funeral service was held April 19 at Germantown Church, Germantown (Tenn.). The family requests memorials be sent to Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation or to Germantown Church.

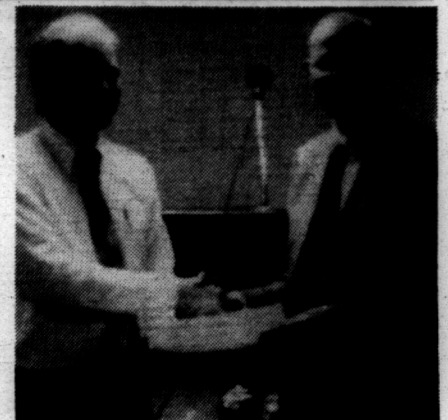
**First Church, Olive Branch,** will celebrate Pastor P.J. Scott's 25th anniversary in the ministry. The celebration will begin with the 8:30 a.m. worship service on April 24, when Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB), will speak. David Miller will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. Scott worship service. A "Reflections" service will be held at 2 p.m., followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. Scott is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and Luther Rice Seminary. He has served as pastor of First, Olive Branch, since 1975, and has served the MBCB as president and on its executive director search committee. He is married to the former Betty Frances Petty. They have two daughters.



**NASHVILLE (BP) — Gene Mims,** vice president for the Baptist Sunday School Board's church growth group, will serve as interim director of the board's Bible teaching-reaching division after Harry Piland leaves the post later this month to join the staff of First Church, Dallas. Mims — who also oversees the work of the discipleship and family development; church leadership, ministry, and worship; and group support divisions — informed Bible teaching-reaching division employees of the decision in an April 8 meeting.

**Robin Renee McGehee** of Jackson has been elected president of the Student Government Association at William Carey College, Hattiesburg. The junior communication and business major will assume her duties April 22.

**Three Mississippi College** students will be presented in their senior recitals, all in Aven Auditorium. On April 25, **Andy McMullin** of Vicksburg will be presented in saxophone recital at 3 p.m. On April 26, **Jennifer Salers** of Clinton will be presented in voice recital at 8:15 p.m. Salers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjie Salers of Jackson, and is a member of Colonial Heights Church. **Chris Turner** of Pascagoula will give his voice recital at 8:15 p.m. April 28. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner, and a member of Eastlawn Church, Pascagoula.



**Michael David Simpson** (left), was ordained to the ministry by Metro Church, Jackson, on March 26. Claude Townsend, pastor, led the service. Simpson currently serves the congregation as associate pastor.

## Chuter killed in auto mishap

**Anthony J. "Tony" Chuter,** 44, of Pineville, died April 15 in Stringer as a result of an automobile accident. He was pastor at Leaf River Church, Pineville.

Memorial services were held April 17 at Leaf River Church and April 18 at Hartman Funeral Home in McComb.

The New Orleans native is survived by his wife Linda; parents, Philip and Odeal; two daughters; a son; three brothers; two half-brothers; a sister; and one grandson.

## DOMs confer at NOBTS

The annual national Director of Missions Conference will be held on the campus of New Orleans Seminary, April 25-27. This conference is for all DOMs on the associational, state, and national levels. Cost for the conference is \$35. Pre-registration is required.

For more information, contact the Office of Continuing Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126-4895; or call (504) 282-4455, ext. 3260.

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## Needed: nurses for Romania mission

Nurses are being sought for a June 17-27 Romanian mission project, according to Dorothy McPhail, service/missionary nurse liaison for the Baptist Nursing Fellowship.

McPhail said nurses are needed for clinics in 10 villages, which will involve six work days. The SBC Foreign Mission Board has approved the project, McPhail said, and the \$2,600 cost of the trip includes all expenses.

For more information, contact physician Joe Craig at 4039 Round- ing Run Road, Charlotte, NC 28277. Telephone: (704) 542-0942.

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Social studies teachers who subscribe to **The Baptist Record** are invited to apply for tuition fellowships to attend the 1994 American Studies Seminar at Mississippi College this coming summer.

Ron Howard, seminar director and professor of history at the college, said the graduate level program is scheduled for June 6 through July 8 and applications are now being accepted.

The seminar will consist of two regular graduate courses; one focused on the Bill of Rights, and the other concerned with macro-economics in America.

Teachers wanting to apply should write to the Graduate Office, Mississippi College, P.O. Box 4185, Clinton, MS 39057; or call (601) 925-3225.

## First, Marks, hosts April 30 prayer retreat

First Church, Marks, will host a women's prayer retreat, sponsored by the North Delta Association, on April 30, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Theme for the retreat is "Unity in Prayer." There is no charge. Attendants are asked to bring a sack lunch. A nursery and drinks will be provided.

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## Uniform Living for others



By Doug Bain  
Romans 14

The text from Romans 14 offers even more than is initially apparent, confronting believers with the challenge of living together as Christian community.

**Life together in God's presence (vv. 7-9).** Verse 8 restates the emphasis in verse 7 about community, security, identity: we do not live to ourselves alone. Our living is in the presence of others and primarily before God. We do not even die "to ourselves." Our dying affects others by formalizing the heritage we leave behind, as well as finalizing the future we have before God. Christ would be Lord for each of us in all the issues of both living and dying. Lurking below the surface of the text may be the question of who in fact does own us, who has bought up our markers and owns the lien on our souls (v. 8b). Section 7-9 may suggest that believers living together in solidarity under Christ can show the world how living as community can actually be done. Sincere believers have a corporate sense of belonging to God and to one another in responsible covenant commitment and diversified unity.

**Not judging others (vv. 10-12).** After establishing that the believer's life is in community context before God, the text returns to the theme in verses 1-6 of not judging others. In Christian community living, any self-appointed referee is himself ruled out of bounds. In judging another person one abdicates the role of supportive fellow struggler and assumes the role of supreme evaluator. Judging another assigns to that one negative value. The question may emerge here for us about our own way of achieving status — is it by passing judgment to elevate ourselves? The humble servant status of one who is accountable is more appropriate than that of the haughty superiority status of one who is assessor (v. 12).

**Building up one another (vv. 13-19).** This text, like that in 1 Corinthians 8, addresses us (as well as first-century hearers) about restricting freedom in the interests of building up the Body. Rather than dismantling one another, let us contribute to reconstruction for the weak and wounded, assigning them positive value. Christian freedom is always restricted by bondedness to Christ and by the welfare of the neighbor. The priorities of the kingdom (v. 17) are higher than private advancement and should make for peace and building up (v. 19).

The vision before us in the text is the challenge of living together in Christian community when some are weak and some are more mature. The challenge involves "socialization" — taking raw individuality and immaturity and fitting that into social context so that harmony can be preserved. The challenge also involves having sincere respect for another believer, even though that one may be at a different level of maturity, respecting another's right not yet to have "arrived," giving another the right to say, "God is not yet finished with me, there is more to be done." This text denies us the right to look down on another believer because he is not "where we are" (which we may assume is "mature"). Every believer does not have to be at the exact same "place." True believers can and do differ but should respect each other, offering the good gift of integrity, not trying to play Holy Spirit, but trusting God's direction in the one who is saved. Nothing in the text remotely suggests believers should try to force each other into cloned conformity or matched maturity. 1 Corinthians 3:5f indicates no leader has "arrived." Paul's plea to "imitate me" refers to obedient submission to Christ. Different styles of taking Scripture seriously or different levels of maturity are no reasons to question valid personal experience with Christ. Rather than judging and isolating another (moral) believer, we are to respect, make room for, nurture, and struggle along with them. Truth is the good story of the Father's acceptance. Lives that contain truth reflect that good story.

The challenge of living with others involves one's allegiance to God within community (vv. 7-9), a nonjudgmental posture (vv. 10-12), and responsible influence in consolidating community (vv. 13-19). That is also the challenge of living for others. Each believer is accountable before God, interrelated with other believers, together forming the Body, contributing to its building up and growth in grace. What an absolutely amazing picture of "Living for Others!"

Bain is professor of biblical and related studies, Blue Mountain College.

## Bible Book Jesus models service



By Dan Howard  
John 13

One cold, rainy night during his pastorate at the First Church of Waco, Texas, B.H. Carroll responded to a knock on his door. At the door, Carroll found a pastor friend who had gotten stranded by the storm. Carroll invited him to spend the night. After he was certain his guest was asleep, Carroll went into the man's room, picked up the preacher's wet and muddy boots, cleaned and polished them, and put them back by the side of the bed. B.H. Carroll was following the example of Jesus as a humble servant. Jesus models humble service for us as he washes the disciples' feet.

**Jesus washes his disciples' feet (vv. 3-11).** Jesus and his disciples were gathered in the upper room for the Passover meal. Luke records in his Gospel, chapter 22, verse 24, that the disciples had been discussing who was to be the greatest in Jesus' kingdom. Against the backdrop of this discussion, Jesus arose from supper, took a towel, and began to wash the disciples' feet.

Washing the feet of guests was a practice which was not uncommon. This was usually performed by a servant of the lowest level. The thing which was uncommon about this event was the one who was doing the washing. Jesus laid aside his position as the Son of God, the Messiah, and the King of kings to wash the dirty feet of his disciples.

When Jesus came to Peter, Peter refused to let his Master wash his feet. Jesus acknowledged that Peter would understand at a later time what this truly meant. Jesus stated in verse 8 that if a person is not washed by him then he can be no part of him. The spiritual meaning is that before a person can be a part of Christ, he must be washed and cleansed by Christ. He is the only one who can wash away our sin. When Jesus said this, Peter wanted to be bathed all over. In verse 10 Jesus stated that a person who has been bathed, that is, has had the experience of cleansing through salvation, does not need to have that done again. This indicates that once we are saved we are always saved. The thing which Peter needed and all Christians need is that daily bath or cleansing from sin.

One thing we realize from verse 10 is that one is not cleansed just by associating with Jesus or his followers. When Jesus stated that not all the disciples were clean he was referring to Judas. He was a professed follower and servant of the Lord but he had never been washed and cleansed of his sin.

**Jesus explains his act (vv. 12-14).** Following the washing of the disciples' feet, Jesus sought to explain to them the significance of this event. Jesus demanded two things of his followers and servants. First, he stated that they serve him as Master and Lord. His followers do not act on their own. They exist to serve him alone. A second thing demanded of Jesus' followers and servants is that they are to serve other believers sacrificially. This service is to be done in humility and seeking to lead others to Christ for cleansing. We are to serve one another because of what Jesus has done for us.

**Jesus announces his betrayal (v. 21).** After Jesus presented this example and explained it, he then announced that he would be betrayed by one of his disciples. John recorded that Jesus was "troubled in spirit." That is, he was distressed and disturbed over the betrayal by one of his followers.

**The betrayer identified (vv. 25-27).** The disciples were confused and serious as Jesus made the announcement of his betrayal. They wanted to know who the traitor was. As Jesus identified his betrayer, he sought to do it with tenderness and in such a way as to give Judas a chance to change his mind. The sop or piece of bread was given to a person as a sign of special attention and affection. Jesus was identified only to John as the betrayer and John may not have comprehended what was happening. Even though Jesus gave Judas every opportunity to change his mind, Judas made the decision to carry out his plan of betrayal. When he made the choice to do evil he allowed himself to be controlled by evil and he became an instrument in Satan's hands.

May our choice each day be to humbly serve our Lord and others out of a sense of gratitude for what he has done for us.

Howard is pastor, Woodville Church, Woodville.

## Life and Work Advancing the gospel



By Billie Buckley  
Philippians 1

There are always those around you who want to pick that one color from the box — gray.

I'm quite sure when God created this earth someone whispered in his ear, "Sir, don't you think that sunset is too brilliant? Maybe you had better tone it down. Are you sure you need those bluebonnets and daffodils? You know they are just frills."

When the trees began to clothe themselves in a variety of beauty, there were those who surely suggested that he erase it quickly because it would be a waste of color.

We need to make an announcement that it is not wasteful to colorize your world or God's work. You don't have to use the color gray all the time, nor do you have to apologize for adding color to your home, your job, or your church.

Paul could have prayed as he advanced the gospel, "Father, use me to colorize your message so others won't be prone to leave your presence, but be drawn to you."

Our Scripture reinforces this concept of the need to add color to our approach of spreading the gospel even as Paul did.

**Paul colorized his difficult experiences — so should we (vv. 12-14).** Paul described not so much the details of his situation, but the good that had come from it. God was able to use these difficult experiences in his life to accomplish his purpose.

Paul did not ask the questions we are prone to ask: Why did this happen to me? Why should this difficulty come? Why has my world been so upset?

Instead, he accepted the good that came from the difficult experience — dependence on God, a means of relating to others, a renewed sense of what is valuable, an appreciation of life itself. The experience may be gray but the results could be a brilliant color of a grateful heart.

**Paul colorized the presentation of the gospel — so should we (vv. 15-18).** The apostle rejoiced that the gospel was being preached, regardless of the motives of those who proclaimed it. Personal concerns are set aside when this advancement is the priority.

Great preachers like Paul never present the gospel by preaching down to those who listen, for they know that human understanding is not the door. The door is the work of the Holy Spirit in preaching to interpret the words spoken to the human mind and heart. The beauty that results is an open door into a personal relationship with God himself. You may use every color in the box except gray to paint this picture of lasting beauty.

**Paul colorized and magnified the future with Christ — so should we (vv. 19-21).** Paul's primary concern was to magnify Christ, no matter what happened to him. He was confident about the future.

We as Christians need to get into the habit of asking God to manifest and magnify Jesus in us, so that others will be drawn to him now and for eternity.

How does this happen? Through the Holy Spirit working God's will in each Christian by the indwelling of his Spirit. Our responsibility is to express that indwelling with color and energy and confidence. Don't worry about staying in the lines. He will give you freedom to create and think and paint so as to magnify his Son.

**Paul colorized service — so should we (vv. 22-26).** The apostle knew that going to be with Christ would be gain for him personally. He also knew the Philippians' need for growth and encouragement in the faith.

This was his place of service for the time being. He needed to teach those at Philippi to be a faithful servant by example. He did this by his patient service to them; his passionate love for them; and his powerful intercessory prayers for them. Patience, passion, and prayers are three of the boldest colors we can use to paint our picture of a faithful servant.

Could it be that we need to go out and buy a new box of colors today and begin colorizing our world with his presence?

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**OUTSTANDING IN THEIR FIELD** — Lifelong "railfan" Theo Sommerkamp and Great Miami Engine 20 have more in common than decades of service and accumulated railroad lore. The diesel engine, retired by Norfolk and Western (now Norfolk Southern) Railway, has another career under a new number with a small private rail line in Ohio. Sommerkamp, 65, veteran Southern Baptist journalist, will retire April 30 as editor of the *Ohio Baptist Messenger*. He doesn't operate on diesel fuel, hasn't had an overhaul (yet), and won't have to change numbers. But like Engine 20 that wouldn't quit, Sommerkamp hopes soon to begin another chapter in a career spanning four decades in Southern Baptist journalism. By the way, he was asked, what's Engine 20's former number? "It was 652," quickly replied the man who has compiled a legendary store of railroad expertise since he was a child in Tampa, Fla. (BP photo by Jean Sommerkamp)

## Baptists differ over role of Baylor's new seminary

By Chuck Lindell

WACO, Texas (ABP) — Baylor University will return to the seminary business this summer — leaving conservatives galled, moderates elated, and Texas Baptists more divided than ever.

The George W. Truett Theological Seminary, founded by Baylor, will open later this year. In 1907, Southwestern Seminary was founded on the Baylor campus.

The new Truett Seminary, created in response to fears that Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth will become a "fundamentalist" institution, will be more than a training ground for Baptist pastors and lay leaders. It already is a strong political statement from moderate Baptists.

"Truett Seminary will be the flagship of mainstream Southern Baptist life in terms of theological education," Dean Robert Sloan said. "Texas Baptists have rejected the fundamentalist movement."

Classes will begin in August. Expect controversy to continue long after.

"It's a slap in the face," said Jack Chambers of Austin, Texas, an outspoken proponent of the conservative Baptist cause.

"I think this is an attempt by the so-called moderates in the Southern

Baptist Convention, especially those in Texas, to create a training camp for a new generation of moderate pastors and missionaries," he said.

As many as 100 students will be accepted for the first year, and Baylor is just days away from hiring the first of three-to-five faculty members. Eventually, enrollment could reach 1,000.

Though Truett Seminary will be linked with the moderate cause, Sloan is hoping for a broader appeal.

"If all we are is a reaction to the fundamental-conservative takeover, then I don't think we have a future," he said. "Reactionary institutions don't have a long life."

Setting up what is in effect separate seminaries for conservative and moderate students is seen by some as proof that a Southern Baptist schism exists in all but name, but Sloan isn't convinced a formal schism is inevitable.

"Clearly we are closer to two different denominations today than we were five years ago — no question about that," he said. "But I don't think it necessarily has to happen."

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## Southwestern Seminary's music dean refutes trustee's criticism

FORT WORTH (ABP) — A document from Southwestern Seminary's music dean challenges trustee accusations that the seminary's music curriculum is "out of step with church music as revered and sung in most Southern Baptist congregations." Dean James McKinney said the music faculty has "documentary evidence refuting these claims."

The seminary's School of Church Music was part of the struggle between former seminary president Russell Dilday and trustees. Differences over the music school were cited as one reason why trustees felt Dilday's firing was necessary. Trustees earlier blocked the election of two of Dilday's nominees for music dean.

Leading the criticism has been trustee secretary T. Bob Davis, a dentist active in the music program at Prestonwood Church in Dallas. Since Dilday's firing, Davis has charged the music faculty of being unresponsive to trustee calls for a more contemporary and informal music style,

as opposed to the school's traditional, "liturgical" approach.

Retiring music dean McKinney, in a statement to Baptist media, said the music school "has been given no opportunity to defend itself or attempt to refute this criticism."

McKinney cited a 1988 study, initiated in response to trustee criticism, that showed Baptist constituents were "overwhelmingly supportive of the church music work offered at Southwestern."

Despite the positive findings, McKinney said the school added courses in evangelistic music, evangelistic piano playing, instrumental arranging, pageants, and electronic media.

An advisory council of local music ministers was established in 1991, McKinney said, to get feedback from churches. In addition, music students are required to visit churches to be exposed to different styles.

McKinney said Davis and fellow trustee John McKay met with McKinney and visited music

classes in 1991. They later made "an extremely favorable report" to trustees in March 1992, expressing no concerns, McKinney said.

As for Davis' recent criticisms, McKinney wrote: "Perhaps it should be pointed out that these harsh criticisms were made by a person who has never served as a full-time minister of music in a church, who has no undergraduate preparation in music, who plays the piano in a style that was fashionable in the 1950s, who has limited music-reading ability, but who has set himself up as judge and jury on how to train church musicians."

McKinney, citing growth in the seminary's music program, asked, "If the 'music curriculum is out of step' as stated by trustee Davis, why are so many churches wanting our graduates and why are so many students wanting to enroll here?"

McKinney's statement was endorsed by the seminary's 24-member music faculty.

## Newest in Books

**HAS OUR THEOLOGY CHANGED?** Compiled by Paul A. Basden (Broadman and Holman, 344 pages). A collection of Southern Baptist thought since 1845.

**ONE-SIDED CHRISTIANITY**, by Ronald J. Sider (Zondervan, 254 pages). Uniting the church to heal a lost and broken world.

**AN OUTLINE OF THE BIBLE — BOOK BY BOOK**, by Benson Y. Landis (Harper Collins, 186 pages). An aid to understanding the Bible for students and general readers.

**HOW TO KNOW IF YOU'RE REALLY IN LOVE**, by Dawson McAllister (Word, 160 pages). This book will not help you find a date for Saturday night, but it will help sort out what you believe about love and think clearly about it.

**LOVE'S UNSEEN ENEMY**, by Les Parrott III (Zondervan, 16 pages). How to overcome guilt to build healthy relationships.

**THE PARENTING BIBLE — GENESIS 1-4** (Zondervan, 16 pages). Christian values for today's family.

**CHANGES THAT HEAL**, by Henry Cloud (Zondervan, 267 pages). How to understand your past to ensure a healthier future.

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**THE WORD OF GOD WITH POWER**, by Jack R. Taylor (Broadman-Holman, 182 pages). Experiencing the full meaning and blessing of the Word of God.

**WHEN THE VOW BREAKS**, by Joseph Warren Kniskern (Broadman-Holman, 374 pages). A survival and recovery guide for Christians facing divorce.

**HERSCHEL H. HOBBS, MY FAITH AND MESSAGE**, by Herschel Hobbs (Broadman-Holman, 267 pages). An autobiography of a choice servant who has served more than 60 years as pastor, seminary trustee, television preacher, and prolific writer.

**WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?** by Garrett W. Sheldon (Broadman-Holman, 186 pages). Contemporary retelling of Charles M. Sheldon's classic, *In His Steps*.

**CITIZEN CHRISTIANS, THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF DUAL CITIZENSHIP**, edited by Richard Land and Louis R. Moore (Broadman-Holman, 136 pages). A collection of essays on current issues.

**CHURCH AGENCIES CARING FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS**, by Diana S. Richmond Garland (Child Welfare League, 327 pages). The church's leadership role with troubled children.

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY**, by David R. Grant (Dallas Printing Co., Jackson, Miss., 215 pages). This is a folksy autobiography of one of the great pastors of our state. Bill Causey, in the Foreword, calls him a "rare man indeed" as he "lived what he understood he was called to be: a gospel preacher."

The book gives a good picture of the life of a pastor in the 1940s and for the next four decades. His high regard for his parents, his home church, and his friends shines through every page.

Grant wanted to be remembered as a man who was faithful to his God, his family, his church, and his friends. Many are mentioned in the book. It will refresh a lot of memories for the readers.

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